

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

2 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

3 MATTHEW TRAVIS HOUSTON,

Case No.: 3:25-cv-00053-APG

4 Plaintiff

**Order Granting Application to Proceed  
and Ordering Random Re-Assignment**

5 v.

[ECF No. 1]

6 STATE OF NEVADA, et al.,

7 Defendants

8 Plaintiff Matthew Houston is subject to a vexatious litigant pre-filing order issued by  
9 Judge Dorsey. *See Houston v. Encore Event Technologies, et al.*, 2:22-cv-01740-JAD-EJY, ECF  
10 No. 30. Under that order, before Houston can file a new action in this court “using any pages he  
11 has already filed in another case,” he must satisfy three conditions:

12 • Apply to the Chief Judge of this district for leave to file the document by  
13 submitting to the clerk’s office an application bearing the title “Application to  
Chief District Judge Seeking Leave to File.”

14 • That application must be supported by a declaration from Houston, made  
15 under penalty of perjury, stating that: (1) the matters asserted in the new  
16 complaint or petition are different from those asserted in the actions he has  
previously filed in this district; (2) the new claim or claims are not frivolous or  
made in bad faith; (3) he has conducted a reasonable investigation of the facts and  
such investigation supports the claim or claims.

17 • Houston must attach a copy of [Judge Dorsey’s] order to any such  
application.

18 *Id.* at 8.

19 Houston has met these requirements in this case. He submitted to the clerk’s office an  
20 “Application to the Chief District Judge Seeking Leave to File.” ECF No. 1. In that application,  
21 he states under penalty of perjury that the matters asserted in the new complaint are different  
22 from those he has presented in prior cases, that his new claims are not frivolous or made in bad  
23 faith, and that he conducted a reasonable investigation of the facts. *Id.* at 1. He also attached

1 Judge Dorsey's order. *Id.* at 32-40. Having reviewed the proposed complaint (ECF No. 1-2), it  
2 appears to raise new issues not previously litigated related to an alleged assault in June 2022.  
3 ECF No. 1-2 at 3.

4 I THEREFORE ORDER that plaintiff Matthew Houston's Application to Chief District  
5 Judge Seeking Leave to File **(ECF No. 1) is GRANTED.**

6 I FURTHER ORDER the clerk of court to file the Civil Rights Complaint (ECF No. 1-1)  
7 as a separate document.

8 I FURTHER ORDER the clerk of court to randomly reassign this case to a district judge  
9 and magistrate judge for all further proceedings.

10 DATED this 24th day of January, 2025.

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13 ANDREW P. GORDON  
14 CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
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